(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Government had imposed curtailment of postal deliveries ban on recruitment and other forms of curtailment of postal services causing inconvenience to the public;

(b) whether Government are reviewing the policies to restore the services ; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. The maximum number of deliveries was fixed at 3 in 1982. Apart from this in 1985, the number of deliveries in 'C' class and smaller towns having more than one delivery was reviewed and one delivery was reduced in 844 post offices. In some towns, to find man power for serving newly developed colonies, delivery in the main area had to be reduced. There is no ban on recruitment to fill up vacancies in existing posts. However, the deligated powers of the Deptt. of Posts to create new posts remain suspended and additional posts could not be sanctioned fully as required. A proposal to create 2876 posts in the clerical cadre and 1600 posts in the post men's cadre is under consideration in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

(b) and (c) The Government psoposes to carry out a general review of the situation particularly covering the courtailment of deliveries for want of man-power.

Action against jawans of Assam Rifles

193. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of jawans of Assam Rifles were dismissed/ jailed and are facing cases in courts for having collectively represented for implementation of Pay Commission's recommendations ;

(b) whether Government propose to review their cases ; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. FTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : (a) The jawans of Assam Rifles who had gone on agitation for the delay in implementation of the IV Pay Commission's recommendations were tried under the Army Act for indiscipline and, some of them were dismissed from service/jailed as a result of these trials. The dismissed jawans have filed writ petitions in various courts of law seeking reinstatement in service and these cases are still to be disposed off by the courts of law.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

Problems of the staff of the Publications Division, Trivandrum

194. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a note on the problems of the staff of Sales Emporium of the Publications Division, Trivandrum; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The note pointed out some delay in payments of dues to employees. Now there is no pendency at the Headquarters of the Division.